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Activity requiring application and approval	Conditions for conducting the activity
(5) Convert an existing mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU) for a new purpose.	(i) The Regional Supervisor will determine on a case-by-case basis the requirements for an application for conversion of an existing MODU. (ii) At a minimum, your application must include: the converted MODU's intended location and use; a demonstration of the adequacy of the design and structural condition of the converted MODU; and a demonstration that the level of safety for the converted MODU is at least equal to that of re-used platforms. (iii) You must also adhere to USCG regulations for the fabrication, installation, and inspection of floating OCS facilities.

(c) Under emergency conditions, you may make repairs to primary structural elements to restore an existing permitted condition without submitting an application or receiving prior BSEE approval for up to 120-calendar days following an event. You must notify the Regional Supervisor of the damage that occurred within 24 hours of its discovery, and you must provide a written completion report to the Regional Supervisor of the repairs that were made within 1 week after completing the repairs. If you make emergency repairs on a floating platform, you must also notify the USCG.

(d) You must determine if your new platform or major modification to an existing platform is subject to the Platform Verification Program (PVP). Section 250.910 of this subpart fully describes the facilities that are subject to the PVP. If you determine that your platform is subject to the PVP, you must follow the requirements of §§250.909 through 250.918 of this subpart.

(e) You must submit notification of the platform installation date and the final as-built location data to the Regional Supervisor within 45-calendar days of completion of platform installation.

(1) For platforms not subject to the Platform Verification Program (PVP), BSEE will cancel the approved platform application 1 year after the approval has been granted if the platform has not been installed. If BSEE cancels the approval, you must resubmit your platform application and receive BSEE approval if you still plan to install the platform.

(2) For platforms subject to the PVP, cancellation of an approval will be on an individual platform basis. For these

platforms, BSEE will identify the date when the installation approval will be cancelled (if installation has not occurred) during the application and approval process. If BSEE cancels your installation approval, you must resubmit your platform application and receive BSEE approval if you still plan to install the platform.

**§ 250.901 What industry standards must your platform meet?**

(a) In addition to the other requirements of this subpart, your plans for platform design, analysis, fabrication, installation, use, maintenance, inspection and assessment must, as appropriate, conform to:

(1) ACI Standard 318–95, Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete (ACI 318–95) and Commentary (ACI 318R–95) (incorporated by reference at §250.198);

(2) ACI 357R–84, Guide for the Design and Construction of Fixed Offshore Concrete Structures, 1984; reapproved 1997 (incorporated by reference at §250.198);

(3) ANSI/AISC 360–05, Specification for Structural Steel Buildings, (as specified in §250.198);

(4) American Petroleum Institute (API) Bulletin 2INT–DG, Interim Guidance for Design of Offshore Structures for Hurricane Conditions, (as incorporated by reference in §250.198);

(5) API Bulletin 2INT–EX, Interim Guidance for Assessment of Existing Offshore Structures for Hurricane Conditions, (as incorporated by reference in §250.198);

(6) API Bulletin 2INT–MET, Interim Guidance on Hurricane Conditions in the Gulf of Mexico, (as incorporated by reference in §250.198);

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(7) API Recommend Practice (RP) 2A-WSD, RP for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Fixed Offshore Platforms—Working Stress Design (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(8) API RP 2FPS, Recommended Practice for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Floating Production Systems, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(9) API RP 2I, In-Service Inspection of Mooring Hardware for Floating Drilling Units (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(10) API RP 2RD, Design of Risers for Floating Production Systems (FPSs) and Tension-Leg Platforms (TLPs), (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(11) API RP 2SK, Recommended Practice for Design and Analysis of Station Keeping Systems for Floating Structures, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(12) API RP 2SM, Recommended Practice for Design, Manufacture, Installation, and Maintenance of Synthetic Fiber Ropes for Offshore Mooring, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(13) API RP 2T, Recommended Practice for Planning, Designing and Constructing Tension Leg Platforms, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(14) API RP 14J, Recommended Practice for Design and Hazards Analysis for Offshore Production Facilities, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(15) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard C 33-07, approved December 15, 2007, Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(16) ASTM Standard C 94/C 94M-07, approved January 1, 2007, Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(17) ASTM Standard C 150-07, approved May 1, 2007, Standard Specification for Portland Cement (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(18) ASTM Standard C 330-05, approved December 15, 2005, Standard Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(19) ASTM Standard C 595-08, approved January 1, 2008, Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(20) AWS D1.1, Structural Welding Code—Steel, including Commentary, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(21) AWS D1.4, Structural Welding Code—Reinforcing Steel, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(22) AWS D3.6M, Specification for Underwater Welding, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(23) NACE Standard MR0175, Sulfide Stress Cracking Resistant Metallic Materials for Oilfield Equipment, (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198);

(24) NACE Standard RP0176-2003, Item No. 21018, Standard Recommended Practice, Corrosion Control of Steel Fixed Offshore Structures Associated with Petroleum Production.

(b) You must follow the requirements contained in the documents listed under paragraph (a) of this section insofar as they do not conflict with other provisions of 30 CFR part 250. You may use applicable provisions of these documents, as approved by the Regional Supervisor, for the design, fabrication, and installation of platforms such as spars, since standards specifically written for such structures do not exist. You may also use alternative codes, rules, or standards, as approved by the Regional Supervisor, under the conditions enumerated in § 250.141.

(c) For information on the standards mentioned in this section, and where they may be obtained, see § 250.198 of this part.

(d) The following chart summarizes the applicability of the industry standards listed in this section for fixed and floating platforms:

Industry standard	Applicable to . . .
(1) ACI Standard 318-95, Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete (ACI 318-95) and Commentary (ACI 318R-95),	Fixed and floating platform, as appropriate.
(2) ANSI/AISC 360-05, Specification for Structural Steel Buildings;	
(3) API Bulletin 2INT-DG, Interim Guidance for Design of Offshore Structures for Hurricane Conditions;	

Industry standard	Applicable to . . .
(4) API Bulletin 2INT–EX, Interim Guidance for Assessment of Existing Offshore Structures for Hurricane Conditions;	Fixed platforms.  Floating platforms.
(5) API Bulletin 2INT–MET, Interim Guidance on Hurricane Conditions in the Gulf of Mexico;	
(6) API RP 2A–WSD, RP for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Fixed Offshore Platforms—Working Stress Design;	
(7) ASTM Standard C 33–07, approved December 15, 2007, Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates;	
(8) ASTM Standard C 94/C 94M–07, approved January 1, 2007, Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete;	
(9) ASTM Standard C 150–07, approved May 1, 2007, Standard Specification for Portland Cement;	
(10) ASTM Standard C 330–05, approved December 15, 2005, Standard Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete;	
(11) ASTM Standard C 595–08, approved January 1, 2008, Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements;	
(12) AWS D1.1, Structural Welding Code—Steel;	
(13) AWS D1.4, Structural Welding Code—Reinforcing Steel;	
(14) AWS D3.6M, Specification for Underwater Welding;	
(15) NACE Standard RP 0176–2003, Standard Recommended Practice (RP), Corrosion Control of Steel Fixed Offshore Platforms Associated with Petroleum Production;	
(16) ACI 357R–84, Guide for the Design and Construction of Fixed Offshore Concrete Structures, 1984; reapproved 1997,	
(17) API RP 14J, RP for Design and Hazards Analysis for Offshore Production Facilities;	
(18) API RP 2FPS, RP for Planning, Designing, and Constructing, Floating Production Systems;	
(19) API RP 2RD, Design of Risers for Floating Production Systems (FPSs) and Tension-Leg Platforms (TLPs);	
(20) API RP 2SK, RP for Design and Analysis of Station Keeping Systems for Floating Structures;	
(21) API RP 2T, RP for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Tension Leg Platforms;	
(22) API RP 2SM, RP for Design, Manufacture, Installation, and Maintenance of Synthetic Fiber Ropes for Offshore Mooring;	
(23) API RP 2I, In-Service Inspection of Mooring Hardware for Floating Drilling Units	

**§ 250.902 What are the requirements for platform removal and location clearance?**

You must remove all structures according to §§ 250.1725 through 250.1730 of Subpart Q—Decommissioning Activities of this part.

**§ 250.903 What records must I keep?**

(a) You must compile, retain, and make available to BSEE representatives for the functional life of all platforms:

- (1) The as-built drawings;
- (2) The design assumptions and analyses;
- (3) A summary of the fabrication and installation nondestructive examination records;
- (4) The inspection results from the inspections required by § 250.919 of this subpart; and
- (5) Records of repairs not covered in the inspection report submitted under § 250.919(b).

(b) You must record and retain the original material test results of all primary structural materials during all stages of construction. Primary mate-

rial is material that, should it fail, would lead to a significant reduction in platform safety, structural reliability, or operating capabilities. Items such as steel brackets, deck stiffeners and secondary braces or beams would not generally be considered primary structural members (or materials).

(c) You must provide BSEE with the location of these records in the certification statement of your application for platform approval as required in § 250.905(j).

**PLATFORM APPROVAL PROGRAM**

**§ 250.904 What is the Platform Approval Program?**

(a) The Platform Approval Program is the BSEE basic approval process for platforms on the OCS. The requirements of the Platform Approval Program are described in §§ 250.904 through 250.908 of this subpart. Completing these requirements will satisfy BSEE criteria for approval of fixed platforms of a proven design that will be placed in the shallow water areas (≤ 400 ft.) of the Gulf of Mexico OCS.